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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 4, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 4, 2007. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this Paper.